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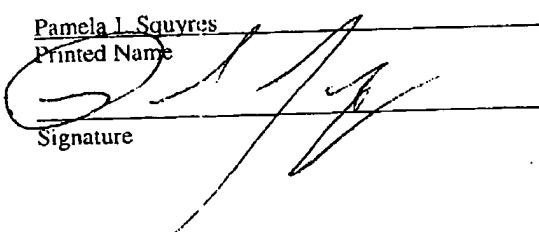
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

To the Commissioner:

In the Restriction Requirement mailed November 1, 2004, in the above-captioned case, Applicants are directed to elect between the species of Fig. 1 and of Figs. 2a-2b. Applicants elect to pursue the species of Fig. 1, with traverse. Of the pending claims, claims 3, 5-9, 12-15, 23-26, 28, 36-38, 40-42 are readable on the elected species.

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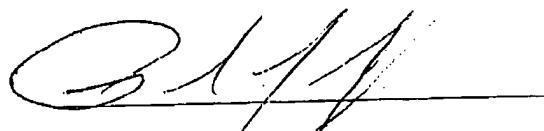
In the correspondence of Nov. 1, the Examiner states that none of the claims is generic to all species. Applicants respectfully disagree, and traverse the election of species requirement on the grounds that generic claims have been presented. Considering only the independent claims, Applicants believe at least independent claims 3, 23, 25, and 40-42 to be generic to both identified species.

Applicants thus believe the requirement for election of species to be improper and request that all claims be examined.

If there are any questions concerning this Response, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned agent at (408) 869-2921.

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